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For: USE OF ASSOCIATIVE  
THICKENERS BASED ON  
POLYURETHANE AND/OR  
DIPROPYLENE GLYCOL MONOALKYL  
ETHERS IN COLOURED AND/OR  
DECORATIVE EFFECT MULTI-LAYERED  
LACQUERS

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.115**

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Dear Sir:

This preliminary amendment is submitted with the application for entry into the U.S. National Phase under Chapter II. This application is based on PCT/EP00/08503 filed on 31 August 2000.

In connection with the filing of this National Phase application, please make the following preliminary amendments.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

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